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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Evan H Langdon

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-14 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 15-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on ____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) 5.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim 1-14 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected invention, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Election was made **without** traverse in Paper No. 8.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 15, 17-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kazuya in view of Manabe.

Kazuya shows a fishing reel comprising a reel body 2, a handle assembly and a line-winding spool 8, and the reel having a metal membrane 32 formed by a metal plating process on an obverse side of the component body.

Kazuya fails to show a ground film-layer formed by a paint coat and a metal film layer providing a mirror effect and being formed transparently as a layer on the ground film layer side.

Manabe teaches applying a ground film-layer and a metal film layer providing a mirror effect formed as a layer on the ground film layer side as explained in column 3 on lines 14-24, 30-43, 67-68, in column 4 on lines 1-3, and in column 5 on lines 1-12.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the fishing reel metal membrane of Kazuya to include a ground film-layer

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and a metal film layer providing a mirror effect as suggested by Manabe, to provide protection for the component body with the ground-film layer and, further, an adhesive surface with the ground-film layer for metal film layer that provides a metallic luster and further protection.

In regards to claim 17, the fishing reel of Kazuya as modified by Manabe is a dual bearing fishing reel and the spool 8 is rotatably fitted to the reel body as seen in Figures 1 and 2 (Kazuya).

In regards to claims 18, Kazuya as modified by Manabe teaches the metal film layer formed by metal vapor deposition and contains one of chrome, nickel, zinc, magnesium, aluminum, a stainless steel alloy, and titanium as explained in column 3 on lines 14-24, 30-43, 67-68, in column 4 on lines 1-3, and in column 5 on lines 1-12 (Manabe).

In regards to claim 19, Kazuya as modified by Manabe teaches a protective film layer formed by a clear paint coat on the obverse side of the metal film means in column 3 on lines 14-24, 30-43, 67-68, in column 4 on lines 1-3, and in column 5 on lines 1-12 (Manabe).

In regards to claim 20, Kazuya as modified by Manabe teaches an anodized layer is formed in between the component body and the ground film layer by anodizing as explained in paragraphs 21-23 (Kazuya), and the component body of the reel being formed from at least aluminum or magnesium alloy.

Claims 15 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mamoru in view of Manabe.

Mamoru shows a fishing reel comprising a reel body 2, a handle assembly and a line-winding spool 4, and the reel having a metallic skin layer 14 formed by a metal plating process on an obverse side of the component body.

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Mamoru fails to show a ground film-layer formed by a paint coat and a metal film layer providing a mirror effect and being formed transparently as a layer on the ground film layer side.

Manabe teaches applying a ground file-layer and a metal film layer providing a mirror effect formed as a layer on the ground film layer side as explained in column 3 on lines 14-24, 30-43, 67-68, in column 4 on lines 1-3, and in column 5 on lines 1-12.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the fishing reel metallic skin layer of Mamoru to include a ground file-layer and a metal film layer providing a mirror effect as suggested by Manabe, to provide protection for the component body with the ground-film layer and, further, an adhesive surface with the ground-film layer for metal film layer that provides a metallic luster and further protection.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Evan H Langdon whose telephone number is (703)-306-5768. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kathy Matecki can be reached on (703)-308-2688. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703)-308-0552 for regular communications and (703)-305-7687 for After Final communications.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-1113.

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